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BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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COMPLAINT	By:
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The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, composed at the time filing was approved of Charles N. Held, M.D., Theodore Berndt, M.D., and Ms. Valerie Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, having a reasonable basis to believe that Ralph Mark Conti, M.D. hereinafter referred to as Dr. Conti, has violated the provisions of NRS Chapter 630, hereby issues its formal Complaint, stating the Investigative Committee's charges and allegations, as follows:

- 1. Dr. Conti is currently licensed in active status (License No. 6034), and has been so licensed since licensed on June 9, 1990 by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- 2. Pursuant to standard procedure, the Investigative Committee, through Board staff, requested Dr. Conti to provide a response and records related to a matter before the Committee. This initial request was made in June 2008.
- 3. Board staff was contacted shortly thereafter and was notified that Dr. Conti was represented by counsel.
- 4. In July 2009, counsel for Dr. Conti provided partial records and indicated that a response would be following shortly as well as additional records. No response or further records were ever received by the Investigative Committee or Board staff.

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- 5. On May 12, 2010, an order was personally served on counsel for Dr. Conti requesting a response and records regarding the matter before the Investigative Committee. The materials were ordered to be provided within ten days of service of the order. The order was also served on Dr. Conti by certified mail.
- The ordered records were not provided nor was a response sent by Dr. Conti to the Investigative Committee or Board staff.
- 7. On August 4, 2010, both Dr. Conti and his counsel were personally served with an order to appear before the Investigative Committee on August 27, 2010 in Reno, Nevada to explain why he had failed to comply with the May 12, 2010 order of the Investigative Committee and previous attempts to secure a response and records. The Order also demanded that Dr. Conti provide the requested records and response at the time of the meeting with the Investigative Committee.
- 8. On the afternoon of August 26, 2010, counsel for Dr. Conti sent by fax a response on behalf of Dr. Conti to the offices of the Board.
- 9. On August 27, 2010, counsel for Dr. Conti appeared before the Investigative Committee, however, Dr. Conti was not present. Counsel for Dr. Conti indicated that he had advised Dr. Conti he need not appear; however, the Investigative Committee at no time excused Dr. Conti from his appearance.

Count I

- 10. NRS 630.3065(2)(a) provides that willful failure to comply with a regulation, subpoena or order of the Board or a committee designated by the Board to investigate a complaint against a physician is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a physician.
- 11. Dr. Conti failed to comply with the order of the Investigative Committee served on May 12, 2010, when he failed to provide the requested response or records.
- 12. Dr. Conti failed to comply with the order of the Investigative Committee served on August 4, 2010, when he failed to appear before the Investigative Committee.
- 13. By reason of the foregoing, Dr. Conti is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in NRS 630.352.

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WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners give Dr. Conti notice of the 1. charges herein against him and give him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in Section 630.339 of the Nevada Revised Statutes within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint.
- 2. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);
- That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners determine what sanctions to 3. impose if it determines there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act (Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 630) committed by Dr. Conti; and
- 4. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners make, issue and serve on Dr. Conti its findings of facts, conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and
- 5. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this // day of October, 2010.

THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

General Counsel and Attorney for the Investigative Committee

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA COUNTY OF DOUGLAS	
penalty of perjury that he is	the

CHARLES N. HELD, M.D., having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered in the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes that the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate, and correct.

DATED this May of October, 2010.

CHARLES N. HELD, M.D.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 11th day of October 2010; I served a file copy of the COMPLAINT and Fingerprint Information, by mailing via USPS certified mail to the following:

James Rosenberger, Esq. 1916 S. Eastern Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89104

Dated this 11th day of October 2010.

Angelia L. Donohoe Legal Assistant